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Compositions including an isolated *Bacillus* species, spores or an extracellular product of *B. coagulans*, suitable for topical application, for inhibiting growth of yeast, fungus, bacteria or Herpes simplex virus are disclosed. Methods of inhibiting growth of yeast, fungus, bacteria or Herpes simplex virus by topical application of compositions that include an isolated *Bacillus* species, spores or an extracellular product of a *B. coagulans* strain are disclosed.